

## State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

## WaterFire Providence Volunteer Appreciation Day

WHEREAS, the 2012 season was the 17<sup>th</sup> Season of WaterFire; and

WHEREAS, almost 800 volunteers participated in WaterFire in 2012; and

WHEREAS, volunteers and unpaid interns contributed more than 15,000 hours in volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, volunteer activities include feeding fires, welcoming visitors to Providence, cleaning the river and surrounding park, fundraising, and providing free special events to the public; and

WHEREAS, volunteers came from all across Rhode Island, from Westerly to Pawtucket; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions of WaterFire Providence volunteers help make Rhode Island's capital city "shine so brightly"; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee,** Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim February 21, 2013 as WaterFire Providence Volunteer Appreciation Day in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this day.

this <u>18<sup>74</sup></u> day of February, 2013

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations,

> Lincoln D. Chafee Governor

A. Ralph Mollis Secretary of State